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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE STAFF

SUBJECT: Change in Criteria for MC&G Evaluation of KH-4 Photography

1. The established criteria for the MC&G evaluation of KH-4 photography outside the Sino-Soviet area calls for 90-100 percent cloud free areas to have a minimum unit size of 10,000 square miles.

2. KH-4 coverage presently on hand evaluated in line with established MC&G criteria outside the Sino-Soviet Bloc now totals 16.051 million square miles out of the 24.152 million square mile requirement. It is recognized that the remaining coverage requirement consists primarily of difficult cloudy areas or relatively small slivers or gaps scattered worldwide. In assessing the problems involved in both acquisition and utilization of KH-4 photography, it is concluded that a change in evaluation criteria is needed.

3. The evaluation of KH-4 photography for MC&G purposes will adopt a minimum area criteria of 2,500 square miles instead of 10,000 square miles for 90-100 percent cloud free areas. MC&G evaluation activities will adopt this criteria for future and existing coverage. Effectiveness of this change in criteria will be evaluated in four to six months. KH-4 coverage obtained for gaps of less than 2,500 square miles will be evaluated in terms of meeting minimum overlap requirements with respect to surrounding coverage.

4. It is requested that NRO collection activities recognize this revised criteria for future KH-4 missions.

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NRO and DIA review(s) completed.

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